

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, February 17, 1874.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Senator Ireland introduced a concurrent resolution, requesting the Congress of the United States to erect a suitable building at the city of Austin for the use of the post-office department and to hold the United States courts in. Read first time.

Senator Friend, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 137, "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the department of State," and find the same correctly engrossed.

W. R. FRIEND, for Committee.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared Senate joint resolution No. 133, "to require the Treasurer of the State to pay certain warrants;" also, Senate bill No. 86, "An act to incorporate the Southwestern and Rio Grande Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of the same;" also, Senate bill No. 27, "An act to amend sections five, eight, seventeen and nineteen of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Orange, Jasper and Shelby Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of their road,'" and find each correctly engrossed.

W. R. FRIEND, for Committee.

Senator Allison, chairman of Committee on Stock and Stockraising, submitted the following reports:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred House bill No. 171, "An act to amend section second of an act, entitled 'An act to protect the wool growing interest of Texas,'" approved December 28, 1867, instruct me to report it back, with the recommendation that it do not pass, because Senate bill No. 102, supersedes the necessity of its passage.

Respectfully,

R. D. ALLISON, Chairman.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 102, "An act to protect the wool growing interests of the State," have examined

the same, and instruct me to report it back and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

R. D. ALLISON, Chairman.

Senator Wood, for Judiciary Committee, submitted the following reports:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 164, "An act to amend section eighteen of an act entitled 'An act concerning proceedings in the district courts,'" passed on the sixteenth day of March, 1848, and took effect August 1, 1848, beg leave to report the same back, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully,

W. D. WOOD, for Committee.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 163, "An act to define the Tenth Judicial District, and to provide the times for the holding of the courts therein, respectfully report the same back, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. WOOD, for Committee.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 147, "An act to punish returning officers of election for refusing to give certificates of election to parties entitled to the same," having examined and considered the same, instruct me to report the same back, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully,

W. D. WOOD, for Committee.

Senator Allison introduced a bill entitled "An act to regulate the pay of jurors in criminal cases." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Wood, chairman special committee, submitted the following report:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your special joint committee on the part of the Senate and House to consider the propriety and legality of reducing the number of the judicial districts of this State, after a careful consideration of the matter, instruct me to report that said joint committee believe that it is in the power of the Legislature to reduce the number of judicial districts, and that they have agreed that they should be reduced from thirty-five to twenty-five.

W. D. WOOD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of the following concurrent resolutions "relative to the death of the Hon. John T. Smith:"

As it passed by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring. That a joint committee of five Senators and ten Representatives be appointed, to take charge of the remains of the Hon. John T. Smith, late a member of this House from the county of

Houston; and that said committee make all necessary arrangements for the funeral.

Resolved, That the necessary expense attending the funeral be charged to the contingent fund of the Fourteenth Legislature.

Also, that the House had appointed as said committee, Messrs. Storey, Rainey, Denman, Henderson of Smith, Harrison, Easley, Brown of Gregg, Smith of Travis, Murphy and Linn.

On motion of Senator Dillard, the rules were suspended to take up the message from the House.

Senator Dillard moved that the concurrent resolution be adopted by the Senate. Carried.

The President of the Senate appointed as Senate Committee, to act with the House committee, on the concurrent resolution, Senators, Dillard, Dwyer, Allison, Ball and Ireland.

Senator Morris offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Creator, to take from us one of our members, the Hon. John T. Smith, member of the House of Representatives, from Houston county; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn out of respect for our deceased member, until 10 A. M., to-morrow.

Adopted.

THIRTIETH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, February 18, 1874. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Dillard, Mr. Leigh Chalmers, calendar clerk, was excused for the day, as his attendance was required at the court room.

Senators Baker, Wood and Moore were appointed as the Senate committee, to act with a like committee on the part of the House, under House concurrent resolution providing for a joint committee "to take into consideration the financial condition of the State."

Senator Westfall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings inquire into the propriety and cost of lighting the Lunatic Asylum with gas; and, if found advisable to do so, to report a bill to that effect.

Adopted.

Senator Ellis introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the registration of voters,

and to repeal an act to provide for a special registration of voters, preparatory to an election under the provisions of an act to authorize counties, cities and towns to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement," approved May 31, 1871, approved April 29, 1873. Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend the sixty-seventh section of 'An act to regulate proceedings in the district courts,'" approved May 18, 1848. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill entitled "An act to authorize the taxation of attorneys's fees in certain cases." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill, entitled "An act to subject married women to the same laws of limitation that control the rights of adult male persons." Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Supreme Court to grant rehearings in certain cases." Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Stirman introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the sixth section of 'An act to authorize counties, cities, and towns, to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement.'" Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Governor to prescribe the number of hours for labor in the several departments of the government." Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Dillard introduced a bill, entitled "An act to limit and define the rights of mortgagee creditors, holding mortgages upon growing crops." Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Westfall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be, and they are hereby, requested, at their earliest convenience, to visit the penitentiary, make a thorough examination, and report the condition of the same, together with the number of inmates and such other information as, in their judgment, may be necessary to enable the Legislature to take into consideration the propriety of establishing one or more branch penitentiaries.

Adopted.

Senator Erath offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the